

AmeriCorps

Lewis-Clark Service Corps AmeriCorps (LCSC) engaged 112 members as tutors and mentors in Idaho schools, nonprofit and faith-based organizations, correctional institutions, and probation and parole programs serving 'at-risk' students. The AmeriCorps members also provide a variety of experiential learning opportunities in science, technology, engineering, and math. AmeriCorps members served 26 Idaho communities through 60 host agencies. In 2012-2013, members tutored 11,563 academically 'at-risk' Idaho students of all ages, helped 990 underachieving K-3 students maintain or improve reading skills, recruited 1,313 Idahoans who volunteered 3,828 hours providing ongoing tutoring and mentoring at host sites and assisted with community service projects; and assisted 74 adults to achieve a GED.

AmeriCorps NCCC

Special Olympics is an international nonprofit organization that offers no-cost, year-round training and competition opportunities to more than 2.25 million children and adults with intellectual disabilities across 160 countries. Three AmeriCorps NCCC teams worked with the Games Organizing Committee to plan and execute the 2009 Special Olympics World Winter Games in Boise. Members were assigned to Organizing Committee areas including transportation, motor pool management, accommodations, delegations services, volunteer services, logistics, credentialing, marketing, food and beverage, sports, information technology, guest services, and ceremonies. A large part of Delegation Services involved establishing and managing the three Special Olympic Towns. Members assigned to Sporting Events helped support 2,000 athletes.

AmeriCorps VISTA

Idaho Reads! currently engages 12 AmeriCorps VISTA members to build Whole Family literacy in school districts throughout the state. The VISTA members recruited 2,499 community volunteers who gave 11,883 hours of time tutoring and mentoring K-3 at-risk students who teachers referred to the program as reading below grade level. They also planned 108 Family Literacy events for 18,103 children and 10,083 adults; collected 19,749 new books for distribution to low-income students and families, and generated more than \$625,000 in grants and non-cash resources for host schools. Faculties throughout Idaho avidly compete each year for VISTA members, due to high word of mouth praise for student progress among teachers and school administrators. The sponsor also plans to create a project that assists students who are homeless with tutoring programs and other opportunities.

Senior Corps

A recent survey conducted by the State of Idaho Department of Corrections shows that the population of incarcerated women has increased by 340 percent during the past 10 years. Statistics show that without the benefit of a one-on-one adult mentoring relationship, children of incarcerated parents are 72 percent more likely to end up in prison as well. Twenty-five RSVP volunteers at the College of Southern Idaho Mentoring Children of Prisoners Program serve 25 youth in one-on-one relationships. The partner, Boys and Girls Club of Magic Valley, provides secure meeting space. Teams meet at least four hours per month for a one year period. More than 60 percent of the youth engaged in mentoring demonstrate improvement in developmental asset areas, and show improved school work, school attendance, reduction in drug/alcohol use, reduced incidence of violence, improved self-confidence, and greater hope for their future.